

MICHAEL NELLIGAN.

APRIL 4, 1904.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. BURNHAM, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 2399.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 2399) granting a pension to Michael Nelligan, have examined the same and report:

This is a bill which proposes to grant a pension of \$12 per month to Michael Nelligan, late of Battery E, First Regiment Rhode Island Volunteer Light Artillery.

Soldier has made no claim at the Bureau, there being no law to cover his case. The records of the War Department show that he enlisted March 20, 1865, and was honorably discharged June 14, 1865, his period of service being eighty-seven days, just three days short of the period required to give him title to pension under the act of June 27, 1890.

He is 57 years of age, and it appears from medical evidence filed with this committee that he is afflicted with disease of eyes and impaired sight, disease of heart, and varicose veins of both legs, and is, by reason of his disabilities, totally disabled for earning a support by manual labor. That he is poor is evidenced by the fact that he is an inmate of the Soldiers' Home at Togus, Me.

In view of the fact that soldier's service was but a few days less than the ninety days required by the act of June 27, 1890, and is now wholly incapacitated for earning a support by manual labor, your committee are of opinion that he should be allowed the pension of \$12 per month provided by that law.

The bill is therefore reported back favorably with a recommendation that it pass when amended as follows:

In line 6, after the word "Battery," insert the letter "E."